

# High $p_T$ Physics in the RHIC-LHC Era

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## PHENIX results on reconstructed jets in $p+p$ , $d+Au$ , and $Cu+Au$ collisions

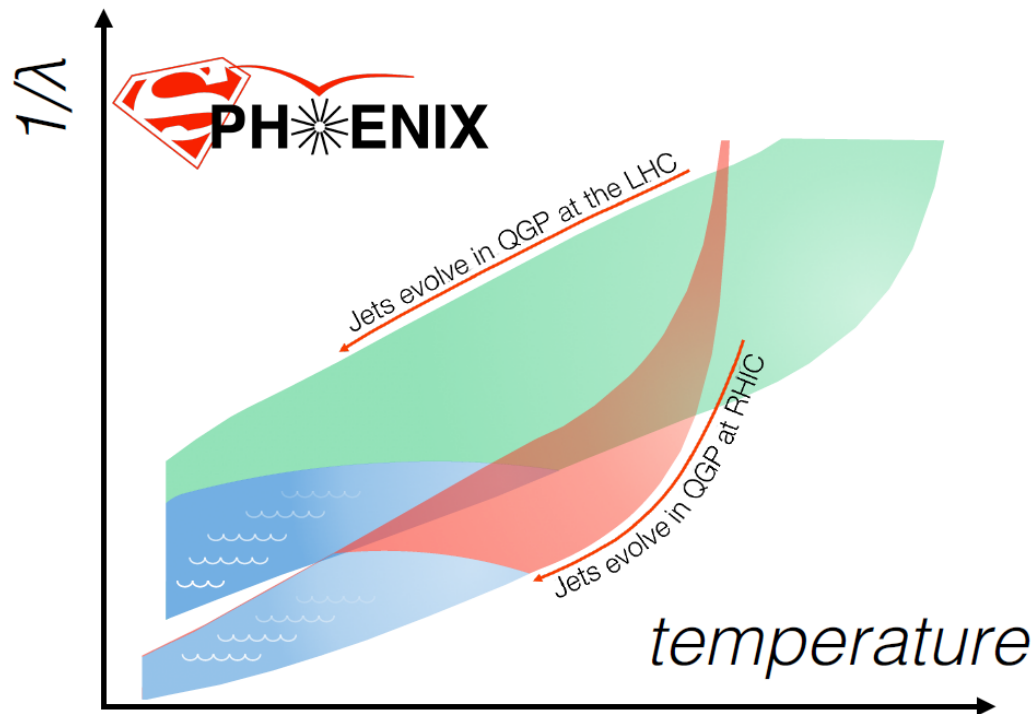
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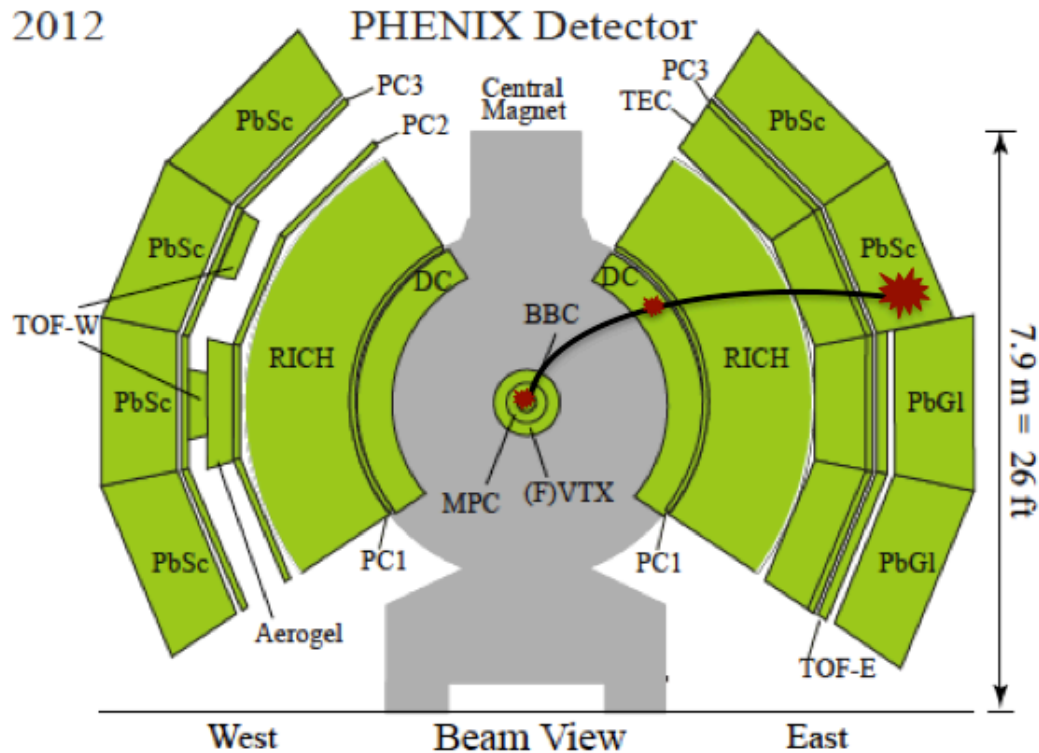


# Jets at RHIC

- Versatility of RHIC provides ability to study jet modification in different collision geometries, system sizes, and energy densities
- Jets at RHIC interact with the QGP:
  - for a **larger time fraction**
  - at **larger length scales** in medium
  - at **temperatures closer to  $T_c$**



# PHENIX Detector



- Charged particle tracks are reconstructed using the Drift Chamber (DC), the Pad Chamber (PC), and the collision point
- Neutral clusters are measured in the Electromagnetic Calorimeter (EMCal)
- Beam-beam counters ( $3.0 < |\eta| < 3.9$ ) provide vertex, centrality, reaction plane

# Jets in PHENIX

- Jets reconstructed using the anti- $k_t$  algorithm
  - EMCal cluster energy + charged particle tracks
- Jet-level requirements
  - number of constituents  $\geq 3$
  - restriction on contribution of charged constituents
  - jet axis required to be away from detector edge
- Centrality-dependent response matrices generated by embedding PYTHIA  $p+p$  jets into real heavy ion events
  - Due to missing neutral hadronic energy and tracking inefficiency, on average, PHENIX gets  $\approx 70\%$  of the true jet energy
  - Spectra corrected for detector effects and underlying event fluctuations with unfolding procedure

# Jet results from PHENIX

## Two new results shown first at Quark Matter 2015

### *d*+Au and *p*+*p* jet spectra (2008 data)

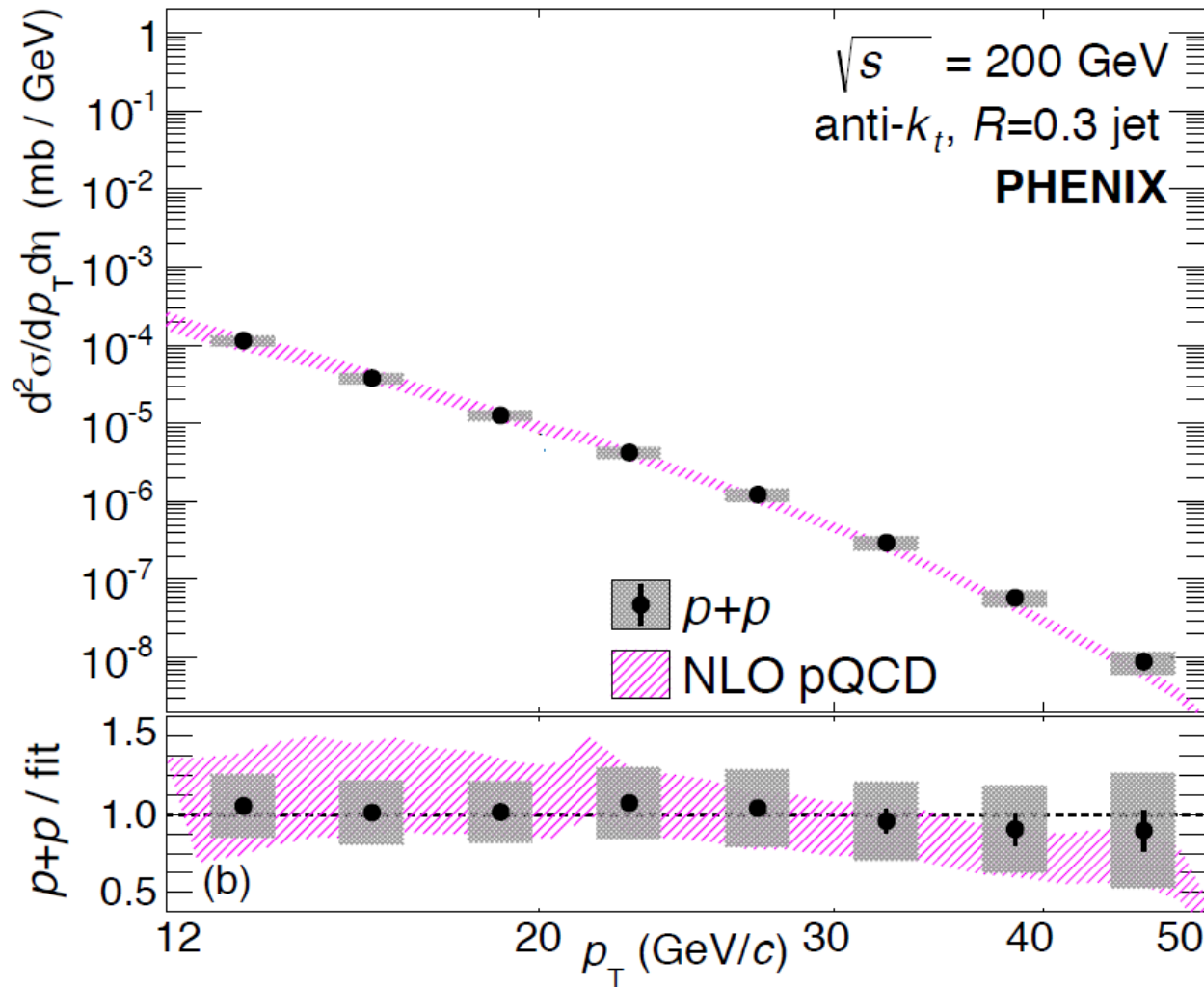
- **$R=0.3$**  anti- $k_t$  algorithm
- Phys.Rev.Lett. 116 (2016) no.12, 122301
- Establish pQCD baseline

### Cu+Au and *p*+*p* jet spectra (2012 data)

- Preliminary measurement, manuscript being written
- **$R=0.2$**  anti- $k_t$  algorithm; choice of smaller cone size due to demands of HI environment
- First look at inclusive suppression of jet spectra by the QGP from PHENIX!

***p+p* collisions**

# Jet spectra in $p+p$ collisions



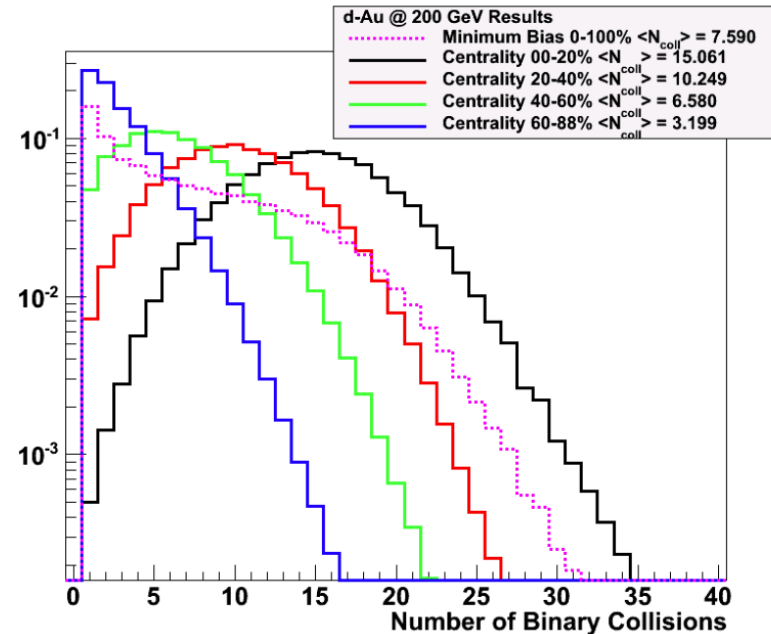
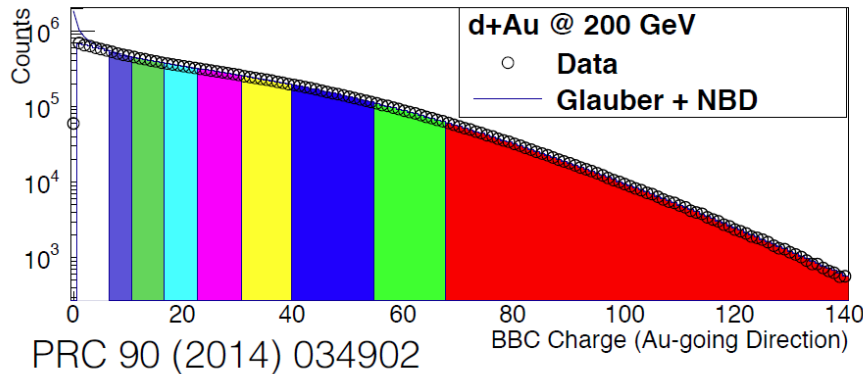
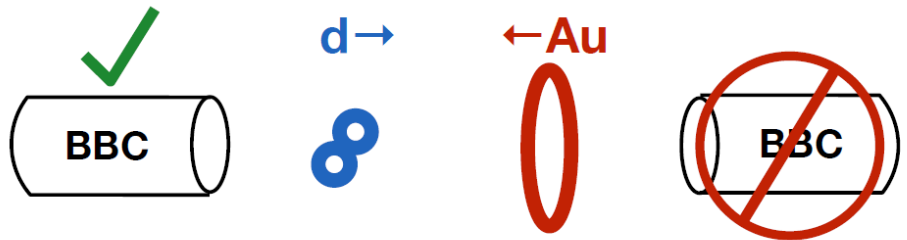
**$p+p$  spectra:** compare well with **NLO pQCD** calculation

- validates jet reconstruction and correction procedure in PHENIX

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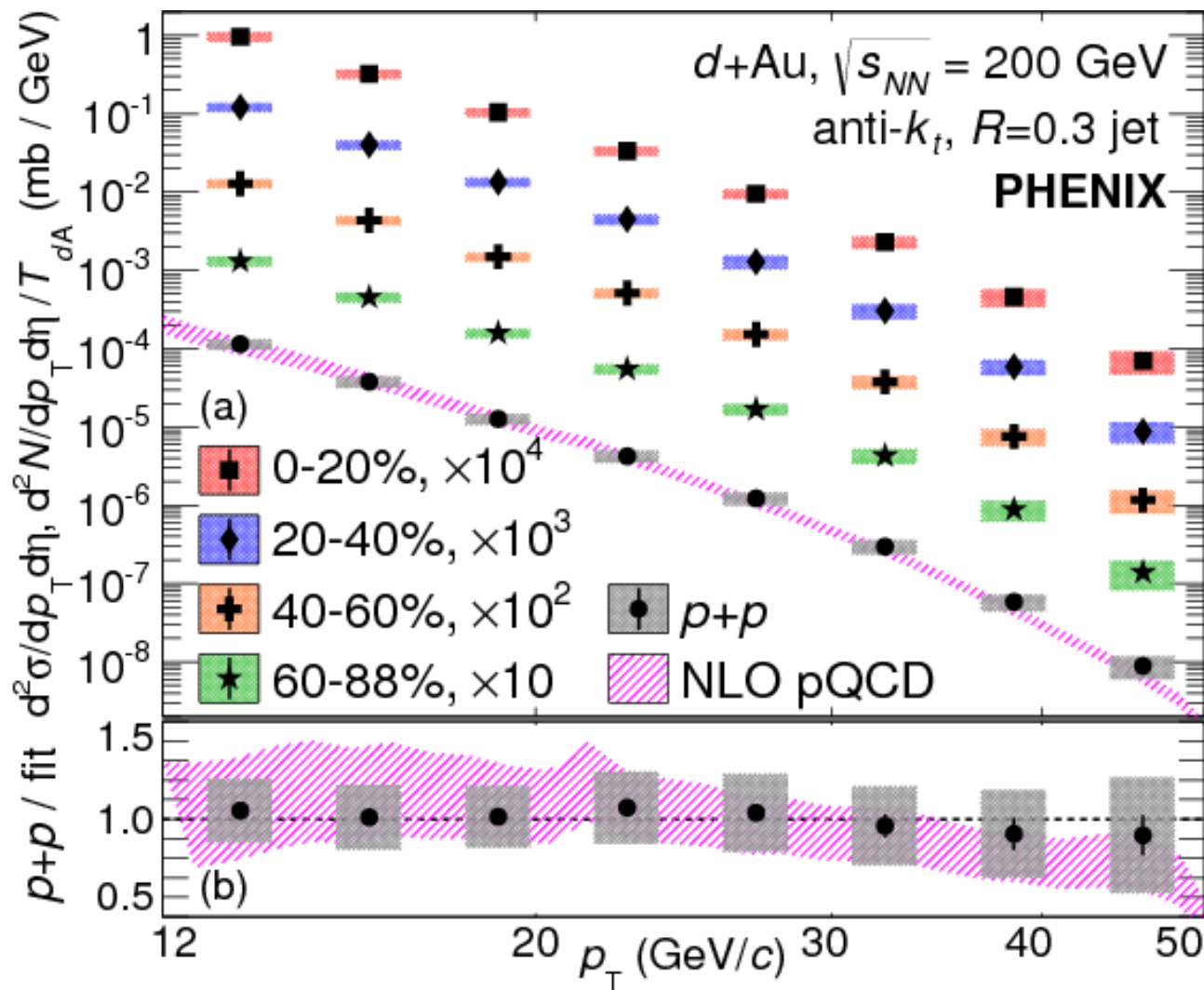


# Centrality in $d+Au$ collisions



- Selection of centrality categories in  $d+Au$  collisions based on total charge in Au-going beam-beam counter ( $-3.9 < \eta < -3.0$ )
- Glauber Monte Carlo simulation to map from the measured charge to geometric quantities
  - estimate nuclear overlap factor  $T_{dAu}$  for classes of  $d+Au$  collisions
  - previously successful with hard and soft observables

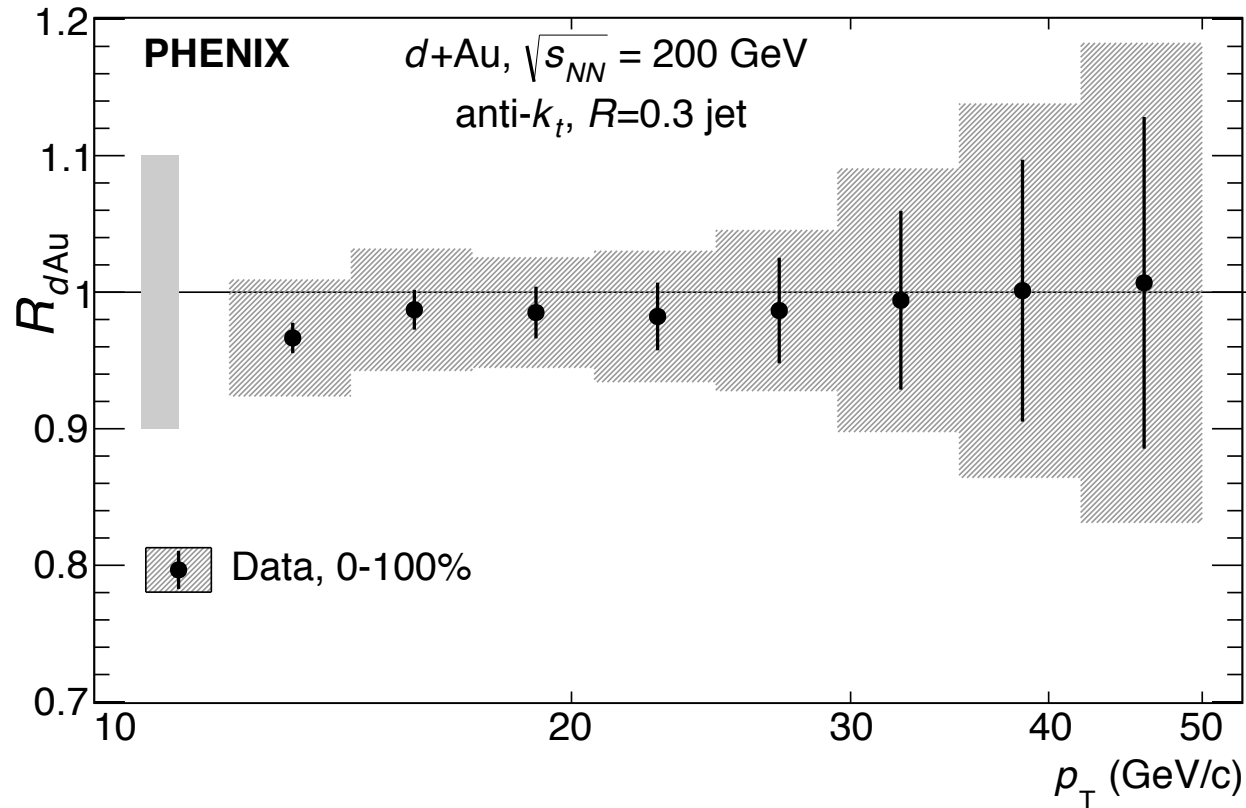
# Jet yields in $d+Au$ Collisions



**$d+Au$  per-event yields:** first publication of jet production in asymmetric systems at RHIC

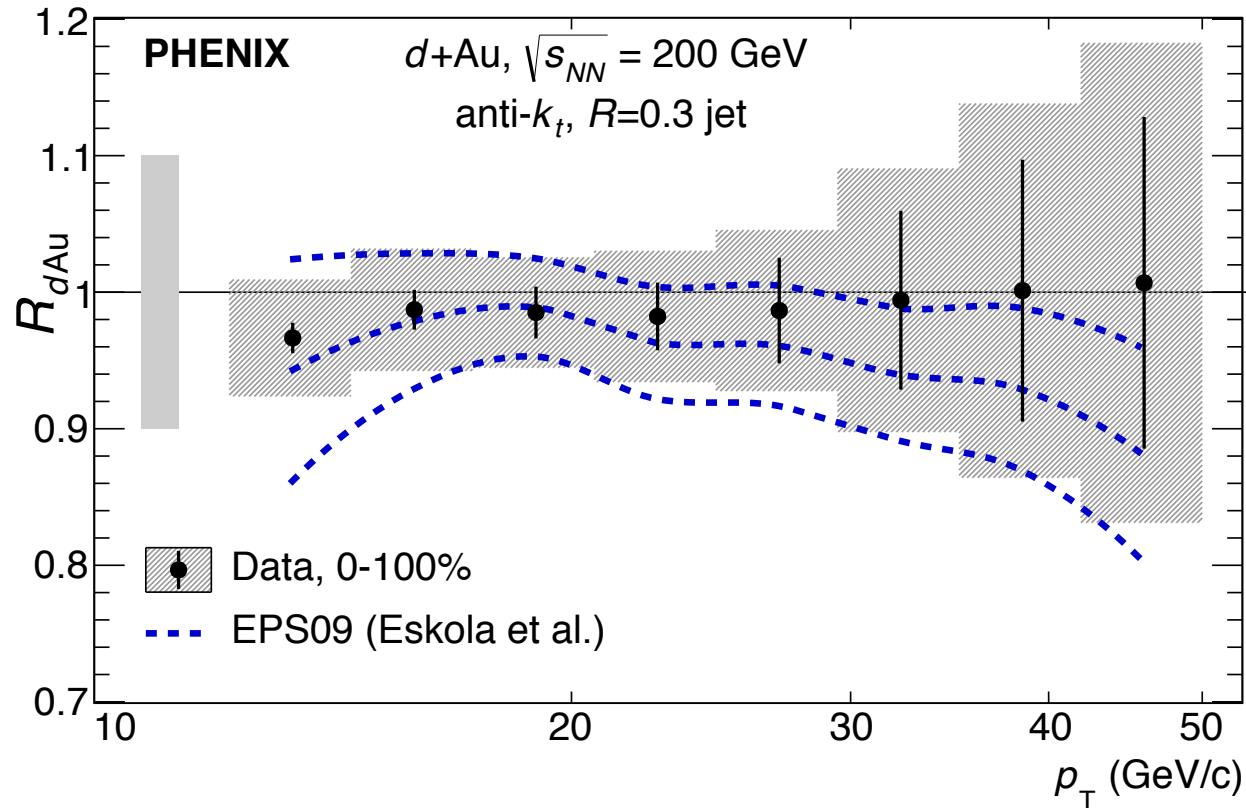
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$$R_{dAu} = \frac{dN^{d+Au}/dp_T}{T_{dA} \times d\sigma^{p+p}/dp_T}$$



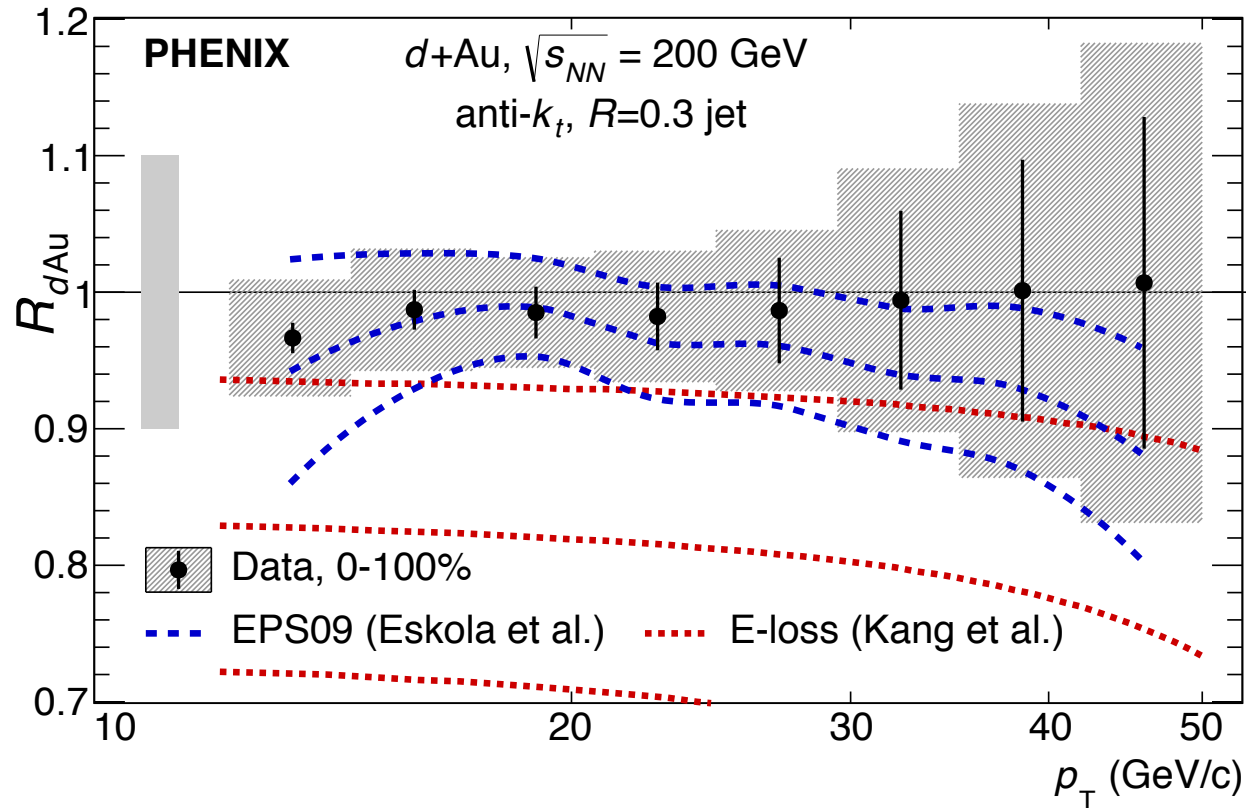
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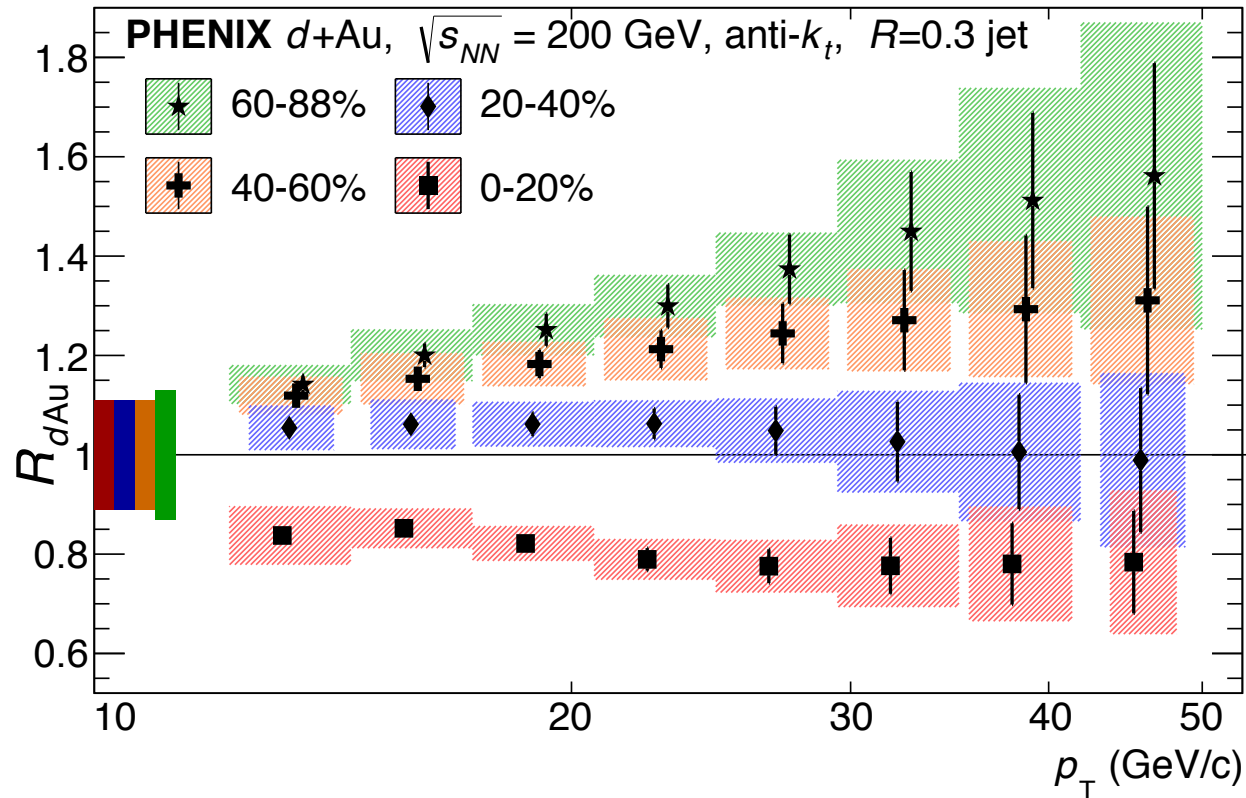
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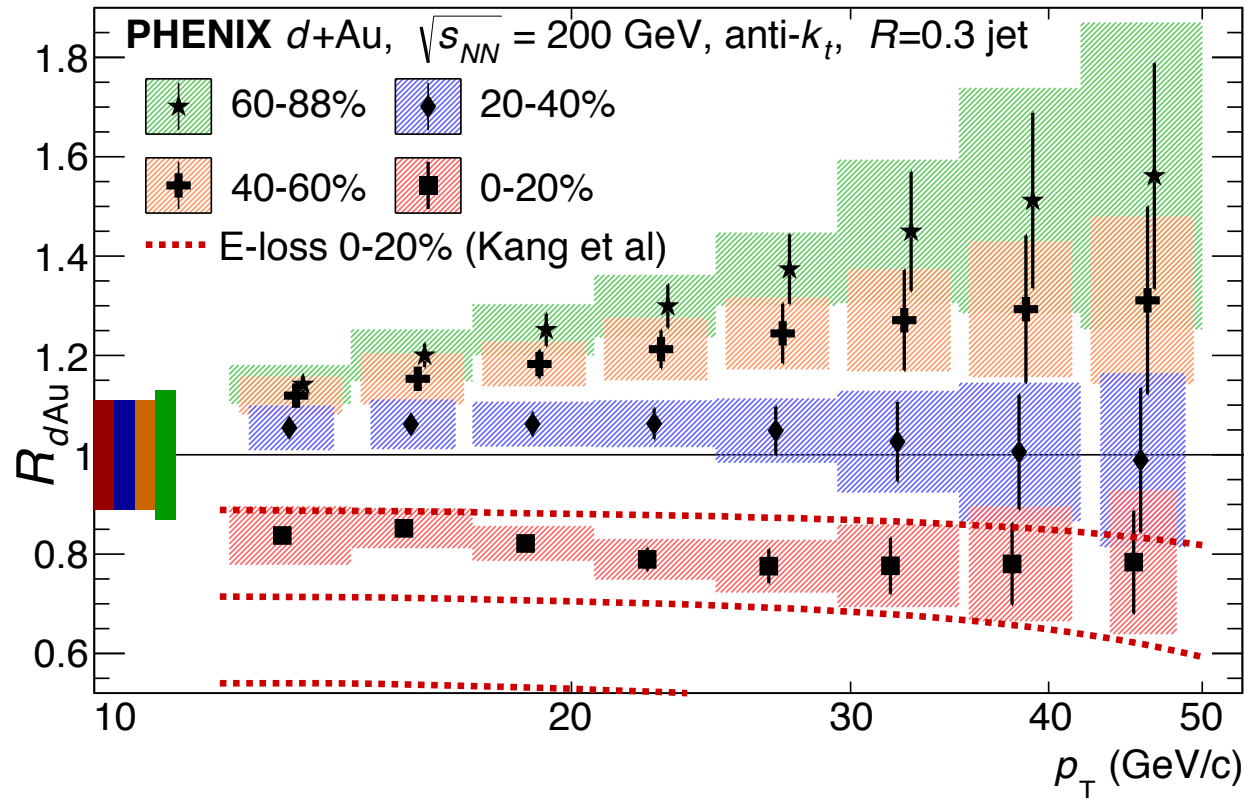
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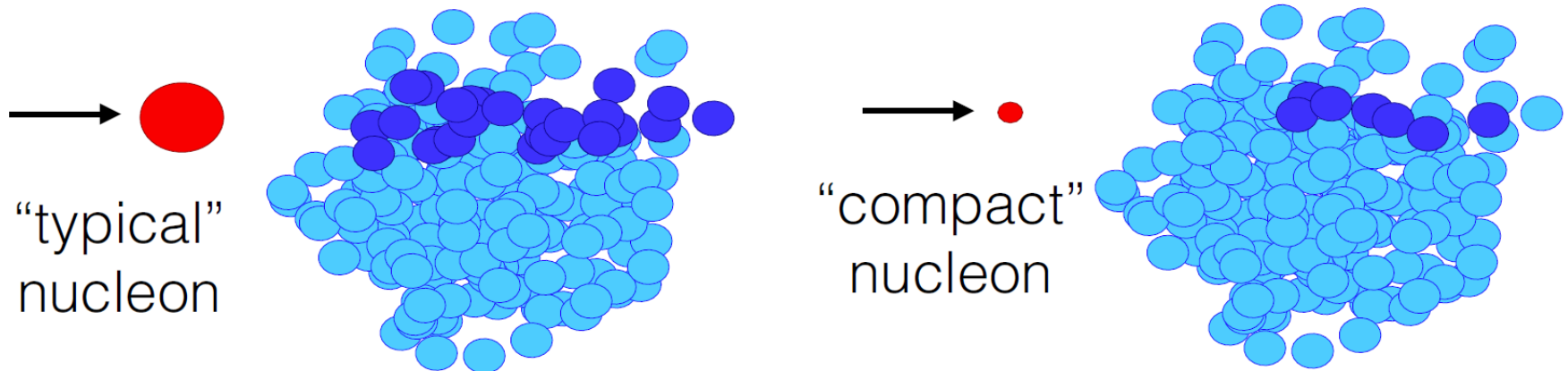


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  - very challenging to explain within existing frameworks

# Reconciling the puzzle

## One possibility: “Shrinking proton” picture

- nucleon configuration with a high-x parton ( $>0.1$ ) are different than “typical” configurations
- interact more weakly than average



**Geometric interpretation:** as these compact configurations traverse the large nucleus, they strike fewer nucleons

- relative decrease in the  $N_{\text{coll}}$  distribution
- so peripheral  $R_{d\text{Au}} > 1$ , central  $R_{d\text{Au}} < 1$



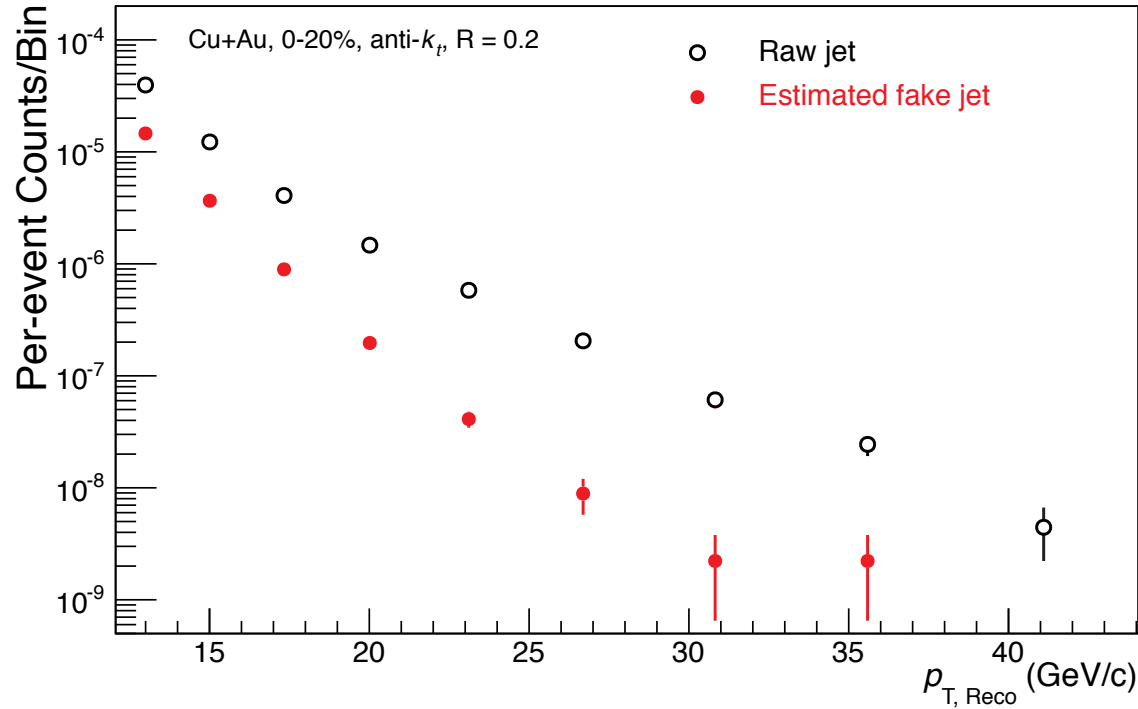
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## Cu+Au comes with challenges

- Stronger underlying event contribution
  - > choice of smaller cone size
- Fake jet contribution
  - > fake jet subtraction

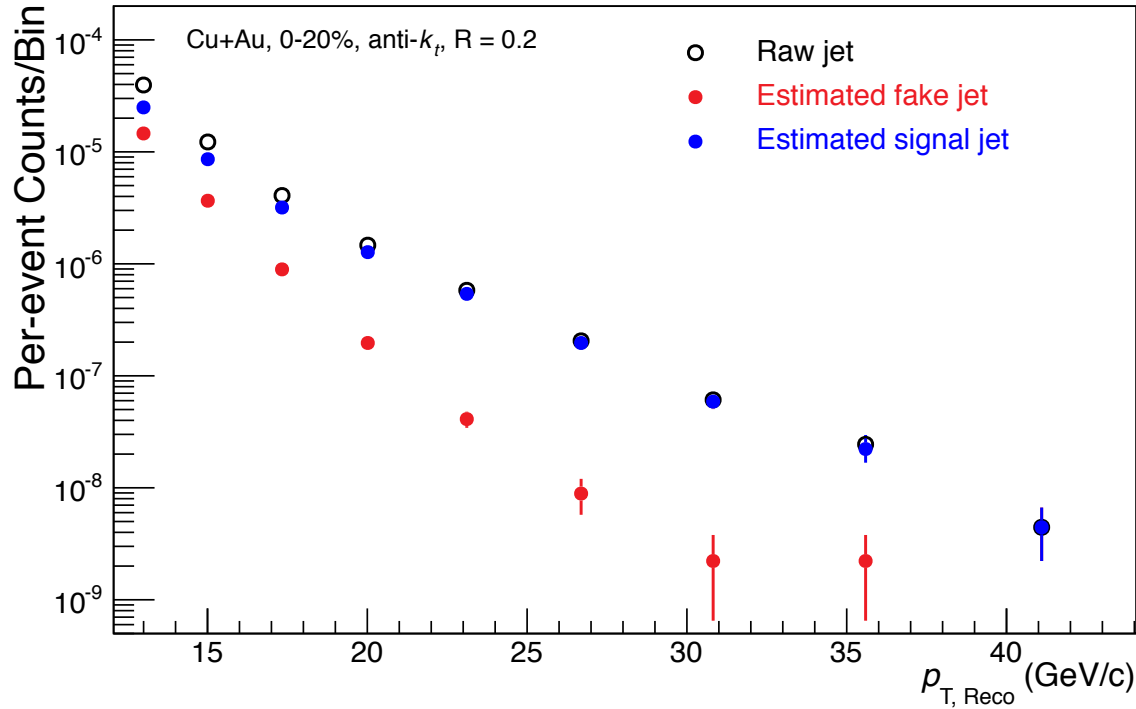
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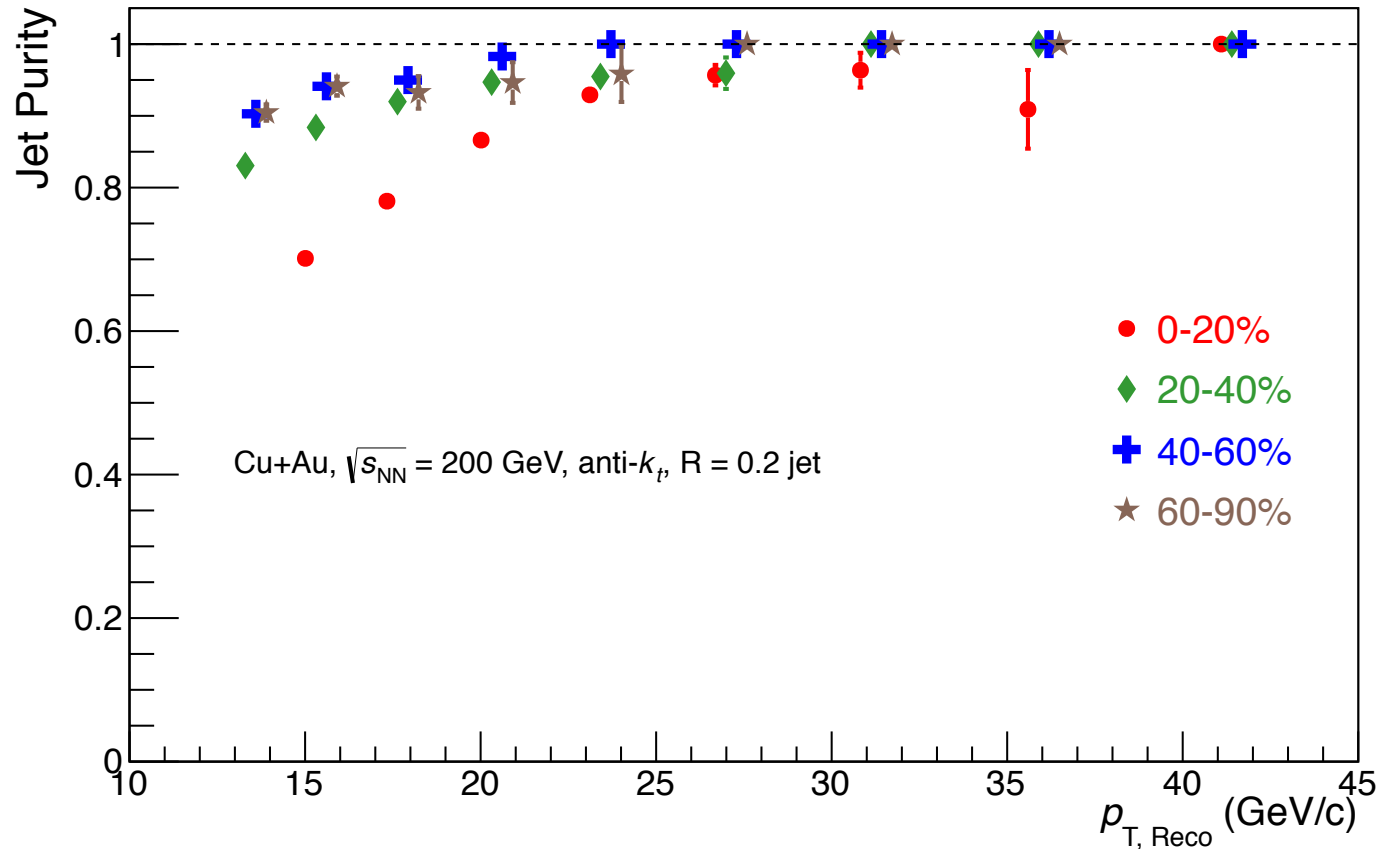


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- Estimated fake jet yield is statistically subtracted from the raw jet yield
  - > returns **estimated signal jet**

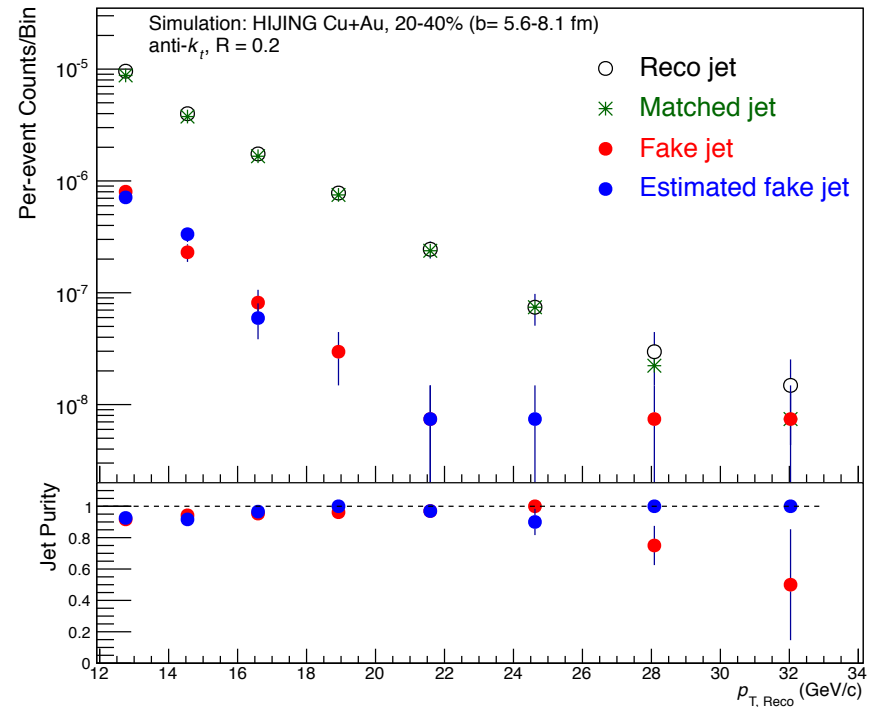
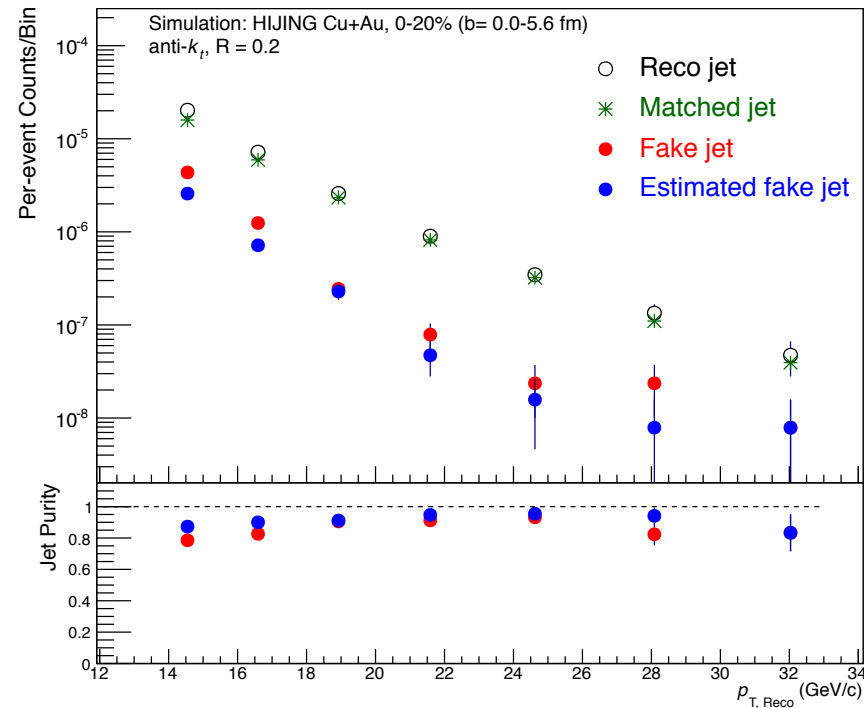
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$$\text{Purity} = \frac{\text{Signal jets}}{\text{Raw jets}}$$



- Fake jet contribution is both  $p_T$  and centrality dependent; the contribution being largest for central collisions and at low  $p_T$ 
  - for 0-20%, purity is 70% (93%) at 15 GeV/c (23 GeV/c)

# Fake jet HIJING simulation study

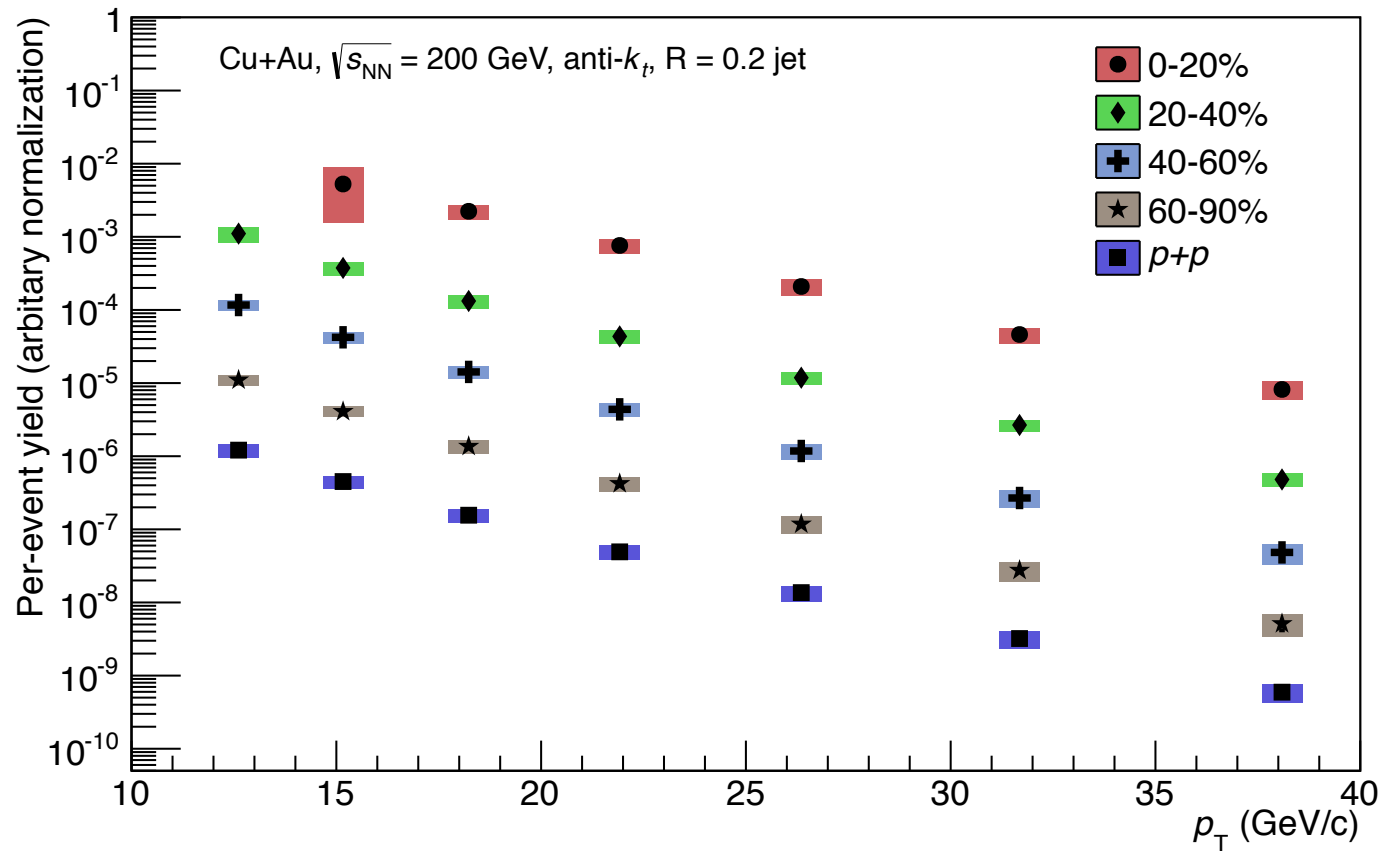


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**Fake jet estimation procedure gives comparable result!**

Fake jet contribution analyzed alternately by re-running the analysis with cluster and track selections of  $> 2$  GeV

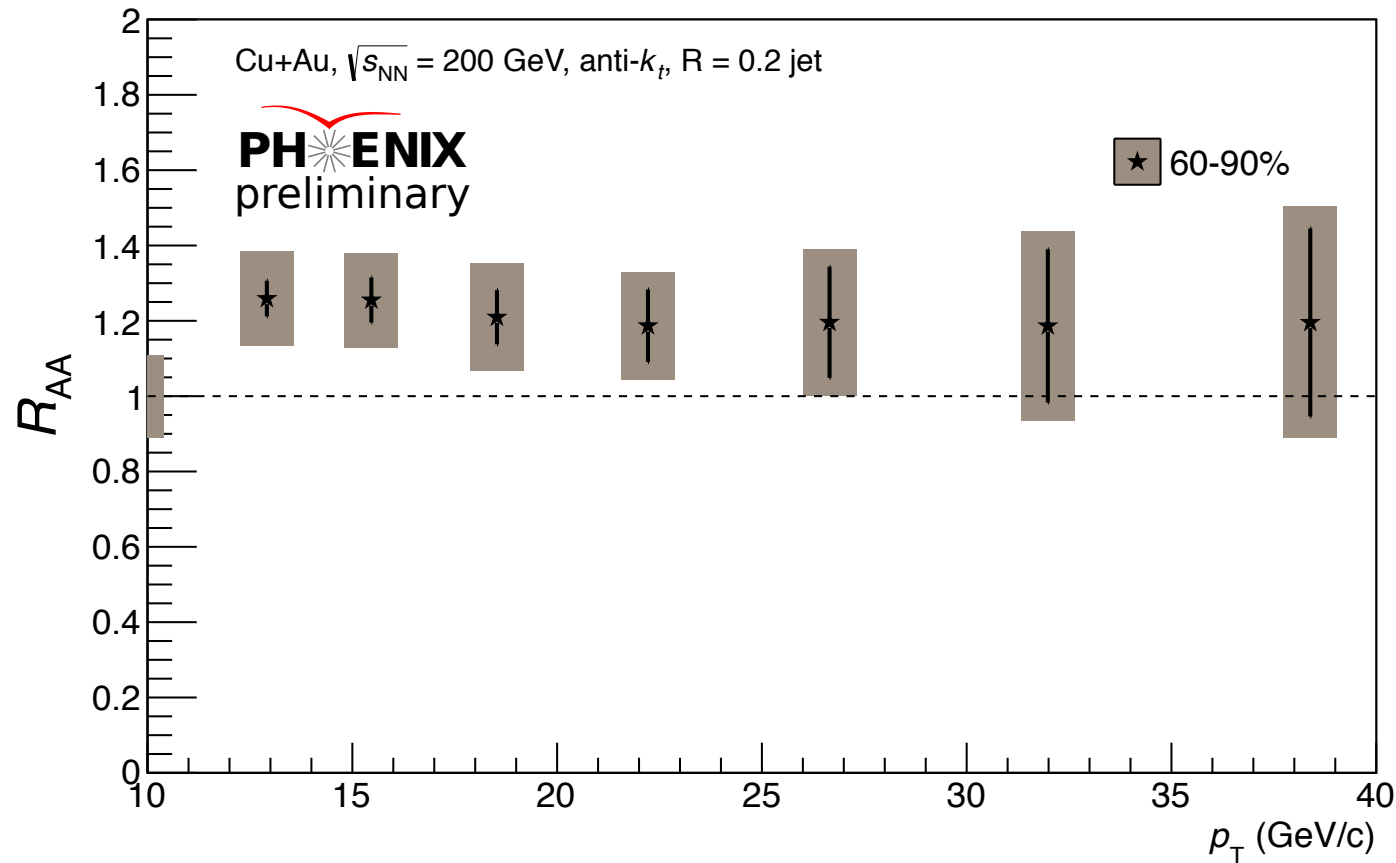
# Jet spectra in $p+p$ and Cu+Au



- Spectra unfolded using SVD method (cross-checked using iterative Bayesian method)
  - detector effects
  - centrality dependent underlying event fluctuations

# Jet suppression: $R_{AA}$ vs. $p_T$

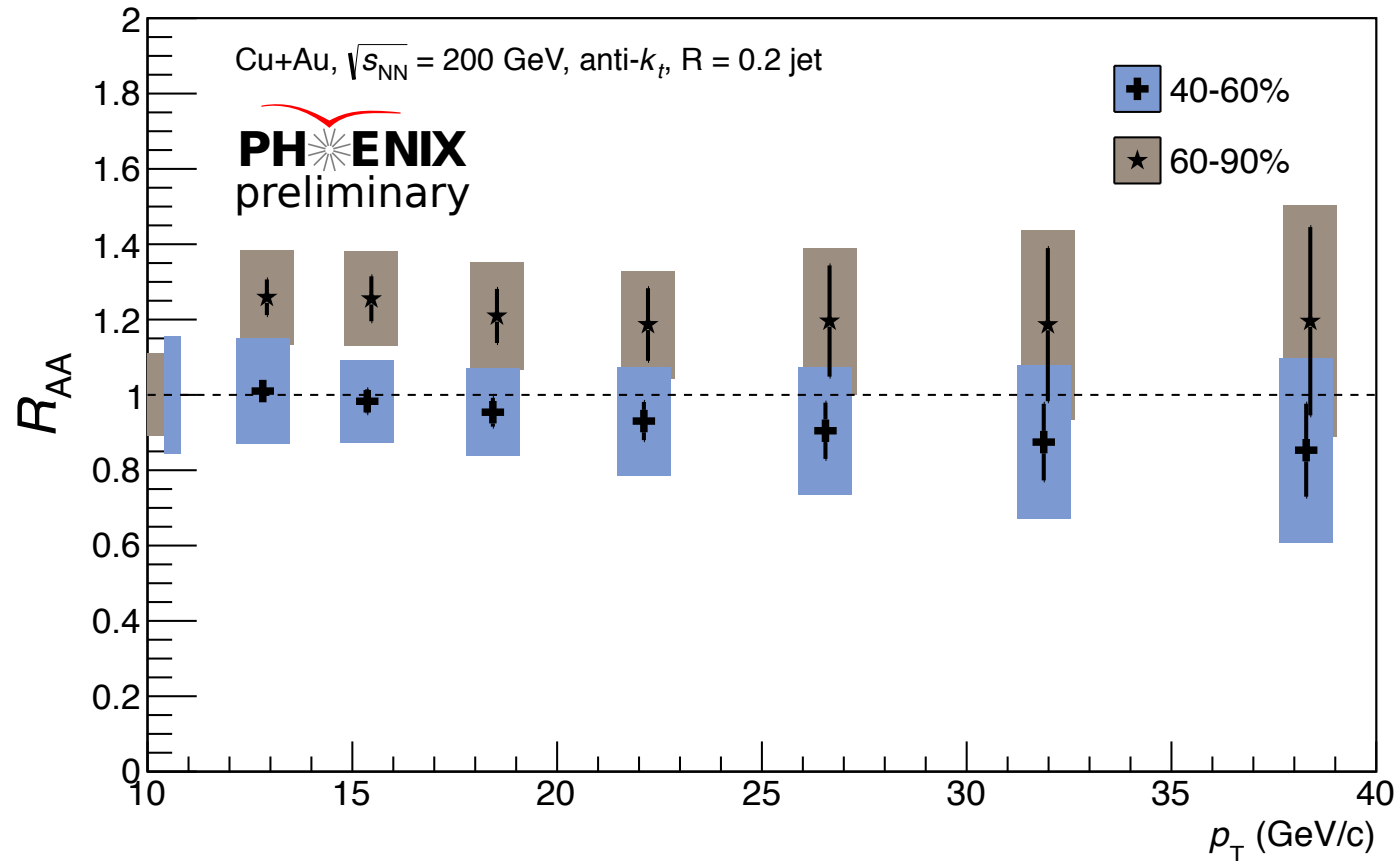
$$R_{AA}^{\text{cent}} = \frac{\left( \frac{1}{N_{\text{evts}}^{\text{cent}}} \frac{dN}{dp_T} \right)_{\text{CuAu}}}{T_{AB}^{\text{cent}} \times \frac{d\sigma}{dp_T}}$$



- At high  $p_T$ , consistent with 1 within the uncertainties

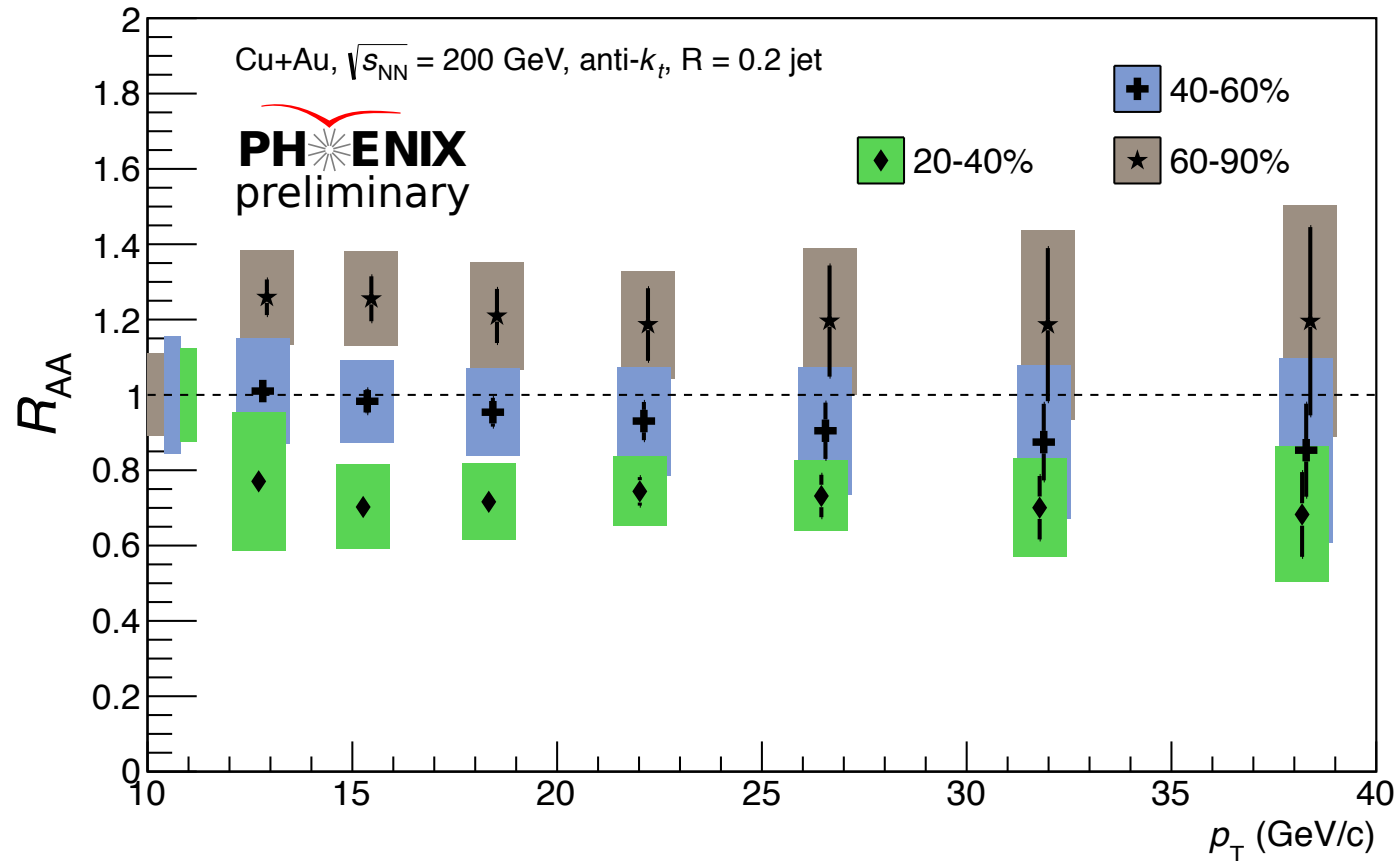


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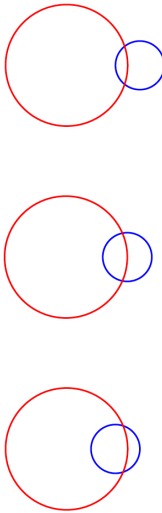


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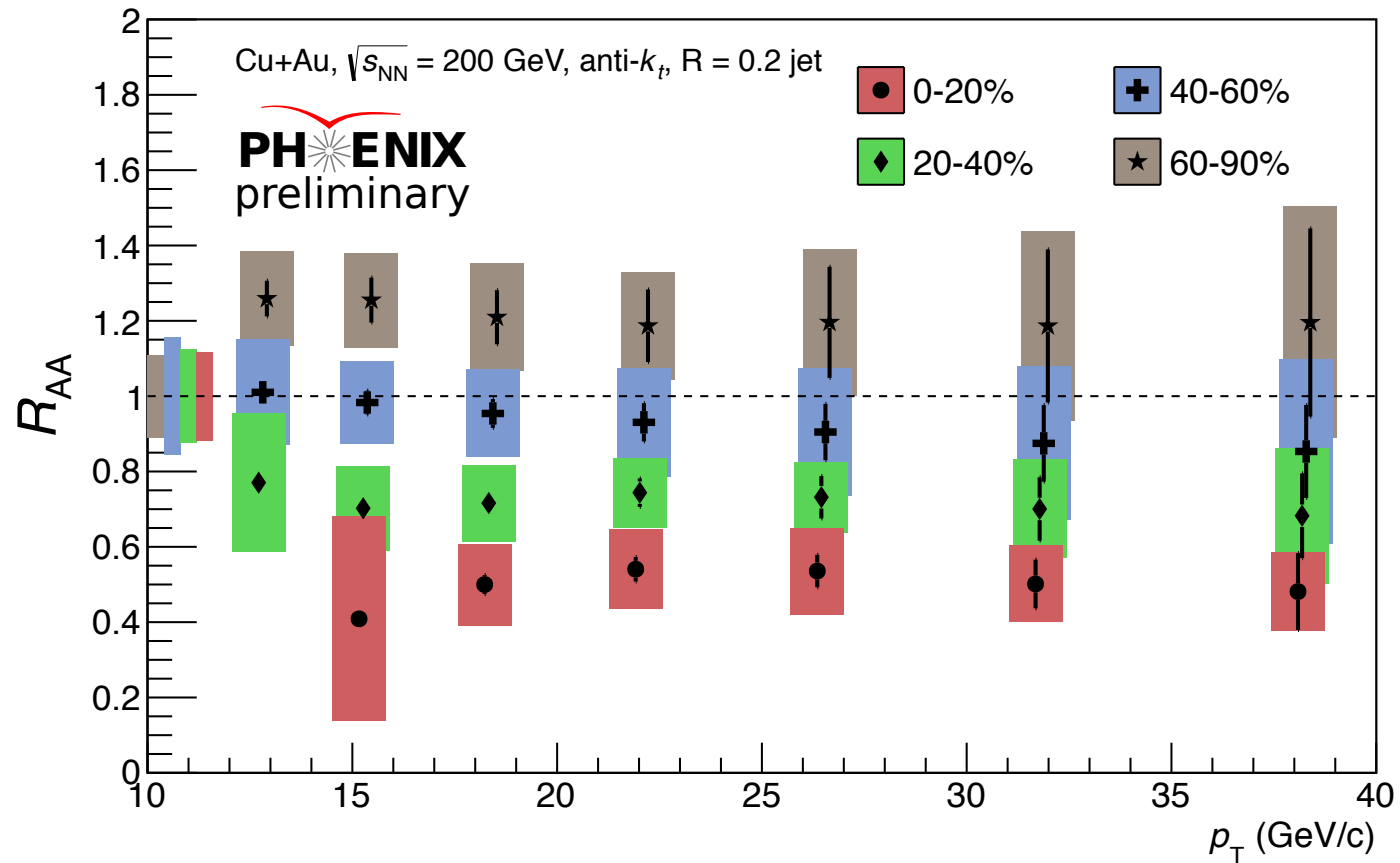
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- No  $p_T$  dependence



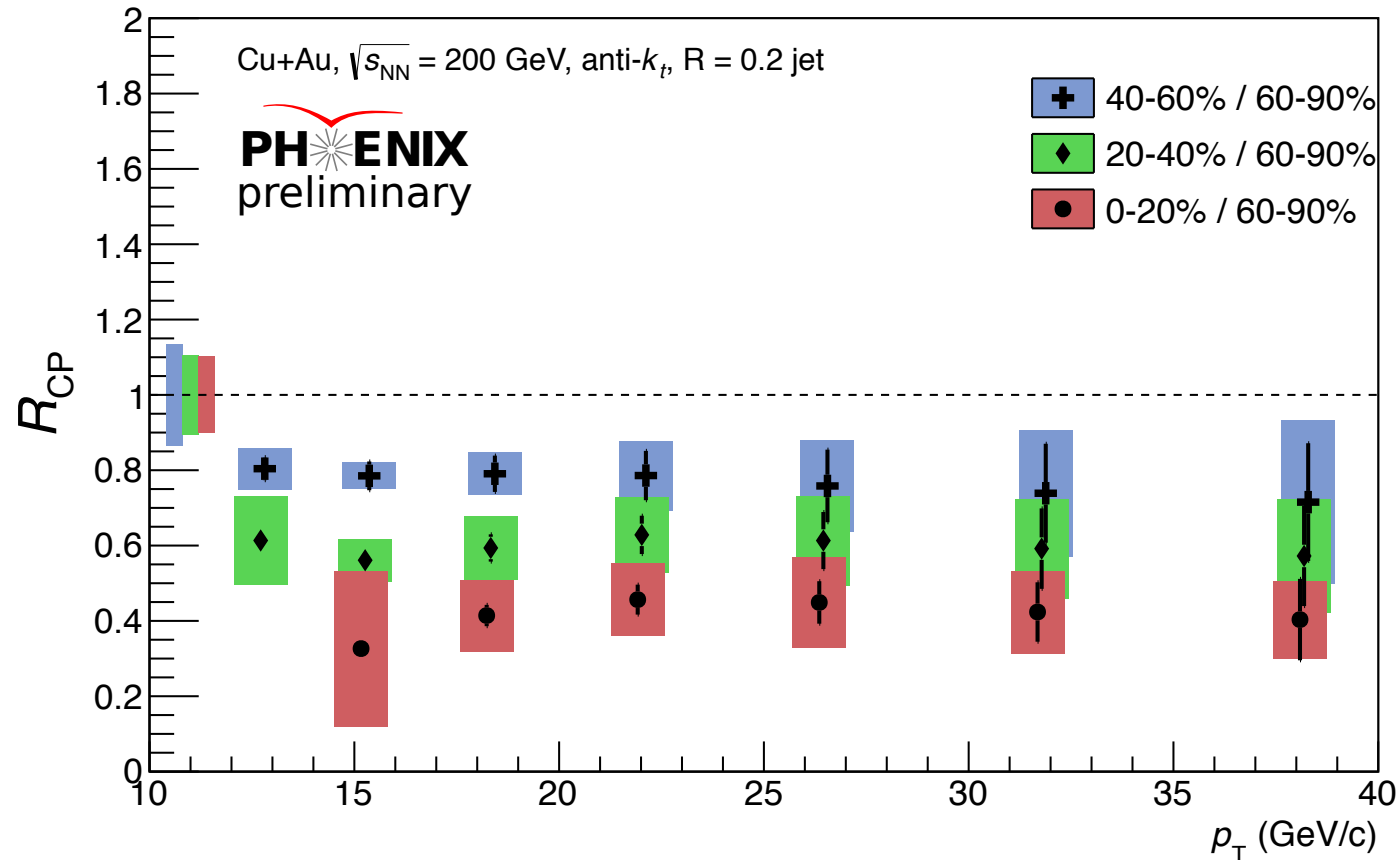
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- For central collisions, jets are suppressed by approximately a factor of two

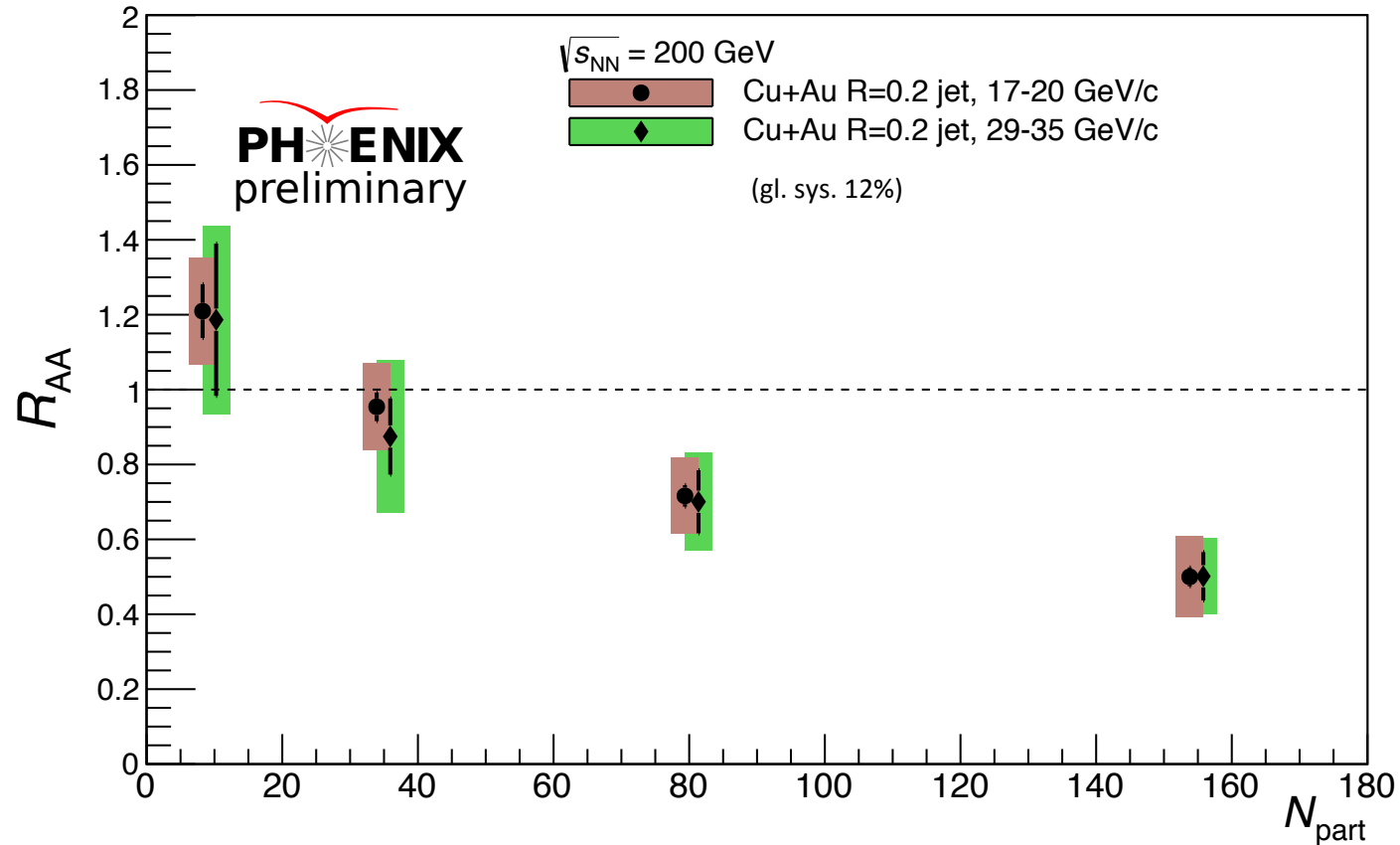
# Jet suppression: $R_{CP}$ vs. $p_T$

$$R_{CP}^{cent} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{N_{coll}^{cent}}\right) \left(\frac{1}{N_{evts}^{cent}} \frac{dN^{cent}}{dp_T}\right)_{CuAu}}{\left(\frac{1}{N_{coll}^{60\%-90\%}}\right) \left(\frac{1}{N_{evts}^{60\%-90\%}} \frac{dN^{60\%-90\%}}{dp_T}\right)_{CuAu}}$$



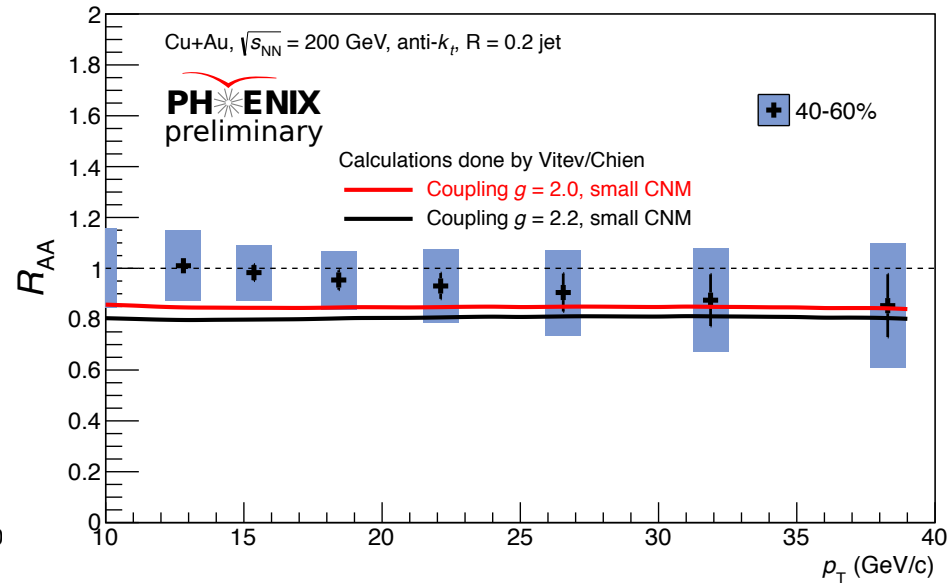
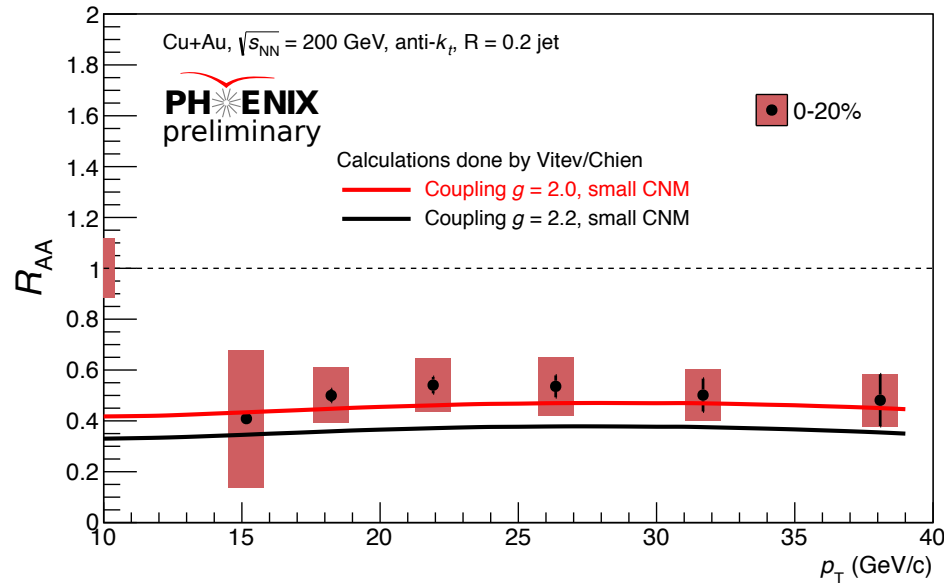
- $R_{CP}$  probes relative central vs. peripheral (60-90%) jet production
- Relatively reduced systematics

# Jet suppression: $R_{AA}$ vs. $N_{part}$



- Another look at the  $N_{part}$  dependence of suppression
- No  $p_T$  dependence within sensitivity over this kinematic range

# Comparisons to theory



- **Left: 0-20%; right: 40-60%**
- SCET<sub>G</sub> calculations done for 2 different couplings between the jet and the medium ( $g=2.0$  and  $g=2.2$ )
- Quantitatively in line with state-of-the-art jet quenching calculations

# Summary

- Progress on jet measurements in small and large systems with PHENIX detector
  - good guidance for future heavy ion jet program at RHIC
- Surprising, unexpected centrality dependence in  $d$ +Au jet rate
  - one possibility: are we sensitive to the fact that high- $x$  nucleons are “smaller” than average?
- Preliminary measurement of a centrality-dependent suppression of jet in Cu+Au collisions
  - jets found to be suppressed by approximately a factor of two in central collisions
  - suppression shows no  $p_T$  dependence

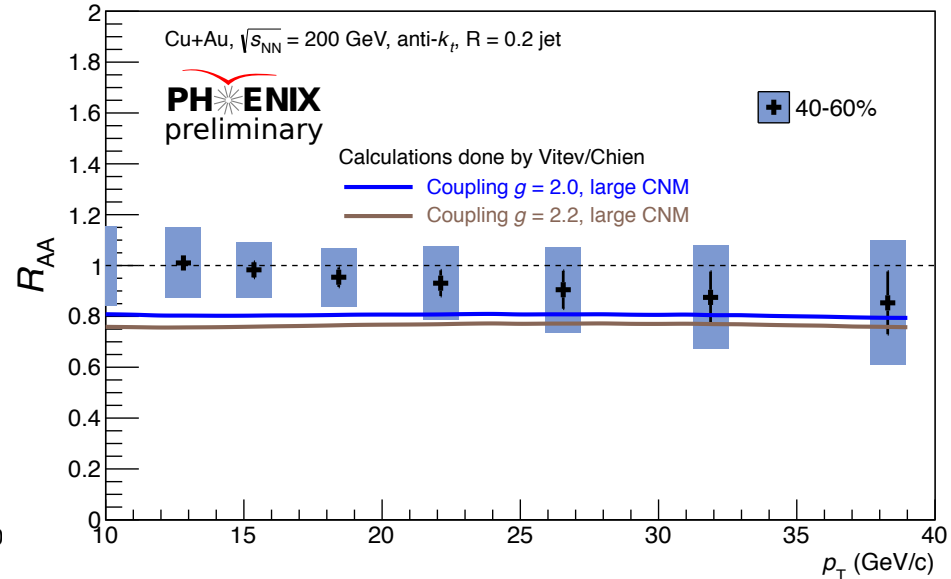
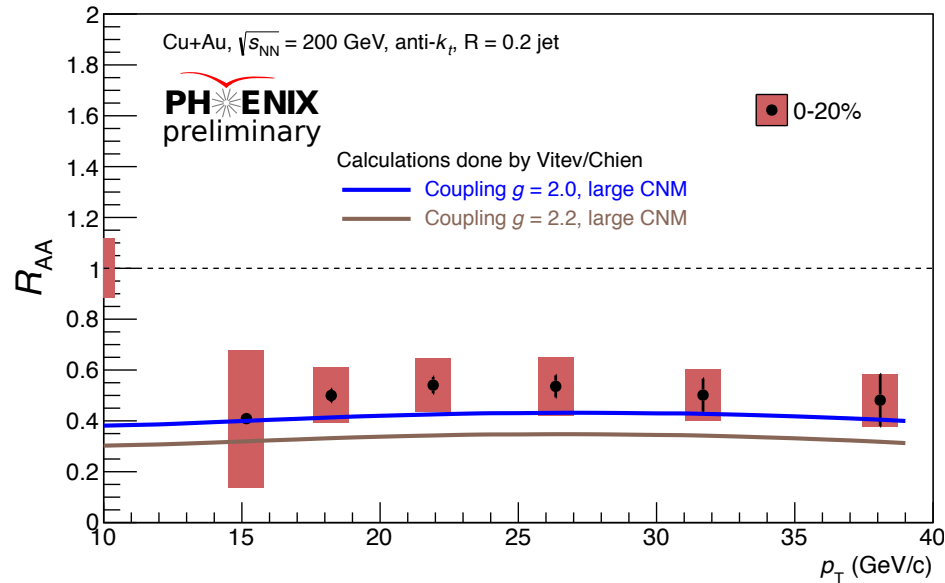
# Backup



# Evaluation of systematic uncertainty

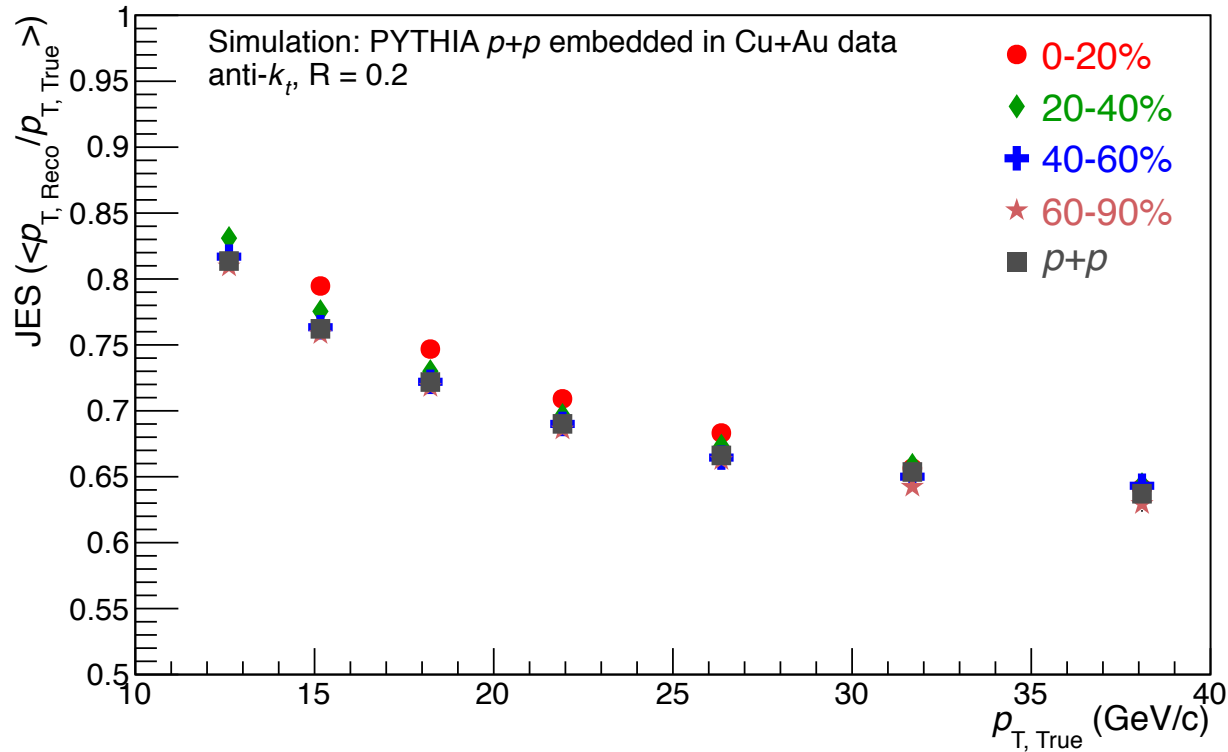
- ⇒ Variation is made in unfolding procedure. The default data is unfolded with modification in unfolding procedure.
  - Shape of input spectrum: The input spectrum is obtained by modifying the power of the truth spectrum by  $\pm 0.5$ .
  - Unfolding is performed with Bayes method (default is SVD method).
- ⇒ Variation is made in simulation. The default data is unfolded with modified response matrix.
  - Energy scale
    - EMCal energy scale: The energy of EMCal clusters is varied by  $\pm 3\%$
    - DC  $p_T$  scale: The  $p_T$  of tracks is varied by  $p_T$  dependent way: 2% for  $p_T < 10$  GeV/c and increased linearly such that it is 4% at 30 GeV/c.
- ⇒ Same variation is made in both data and simulation. The modified data is unfolded with modified response matrix.
  - Jet-level cuts:
    - Default:  $nc \geq 3$  &  $cf > 0.2$  &  $cf < 0.7$ . Variation:  $nc \geq 5$  &  $cf > 0.2$  &  $cf < 0.6$
  - Acceptance
    - Fiducial cut: The reconstructed jets are required to lie within tighter phase space.
    - East/West arm: East arm yield is unfolded with response matrix for east arm and west arm yield is unfolded with response matrix for west arm.
  - Fake jet
    - Default: Cluster energy  $> 0.5$  GeV, track  $p_T > 0.5$  GeV/c. Variation: Cluster energy  $> 2.0$  GeV, track  $p_T > 2.0$  GeV/c.

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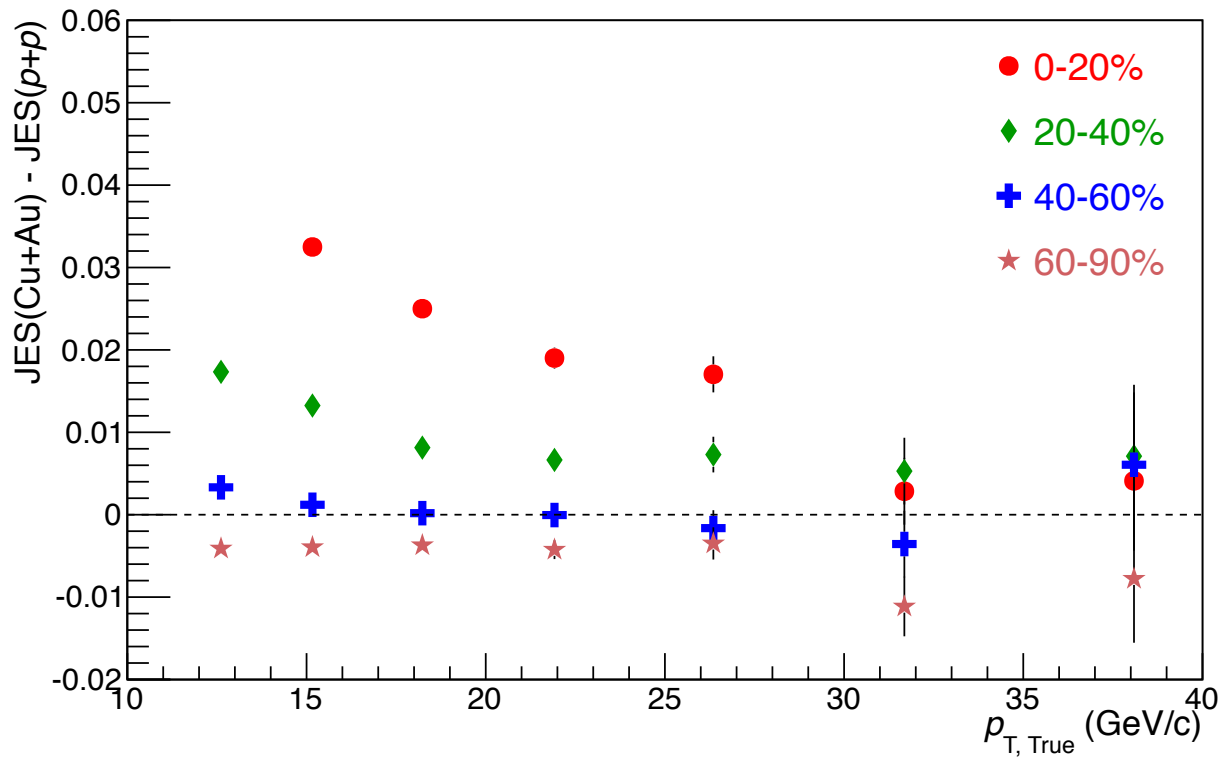
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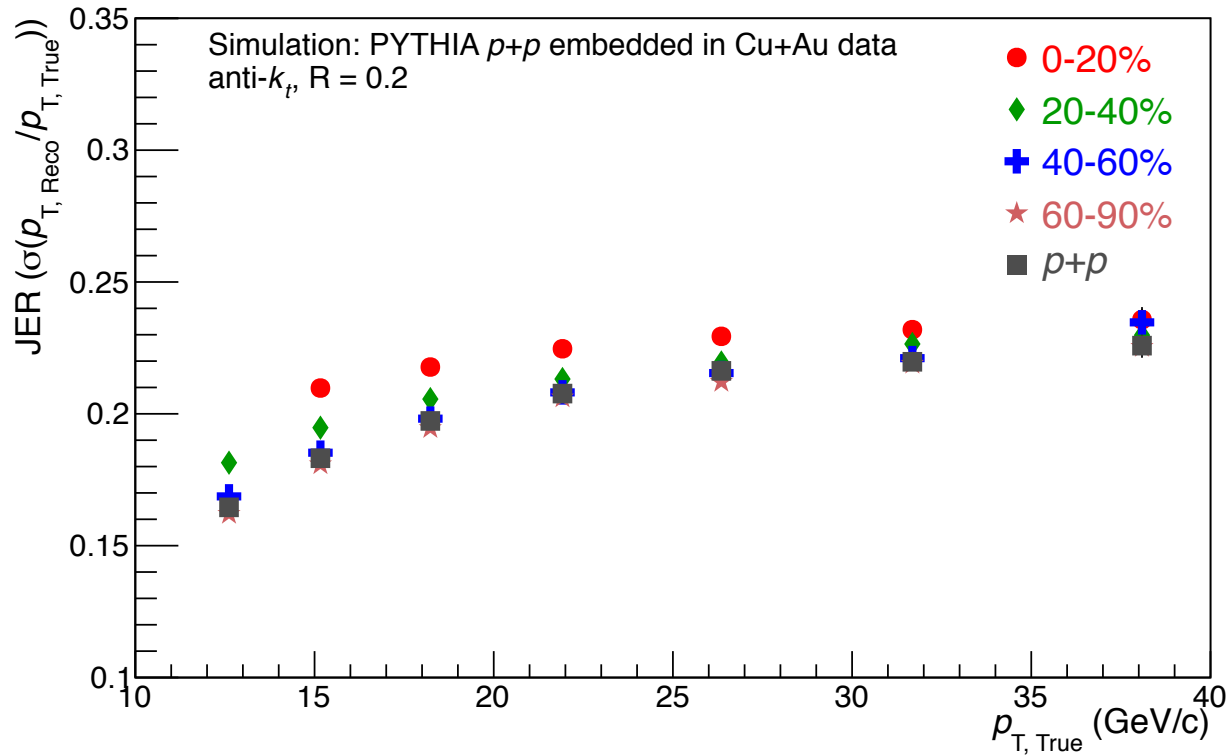
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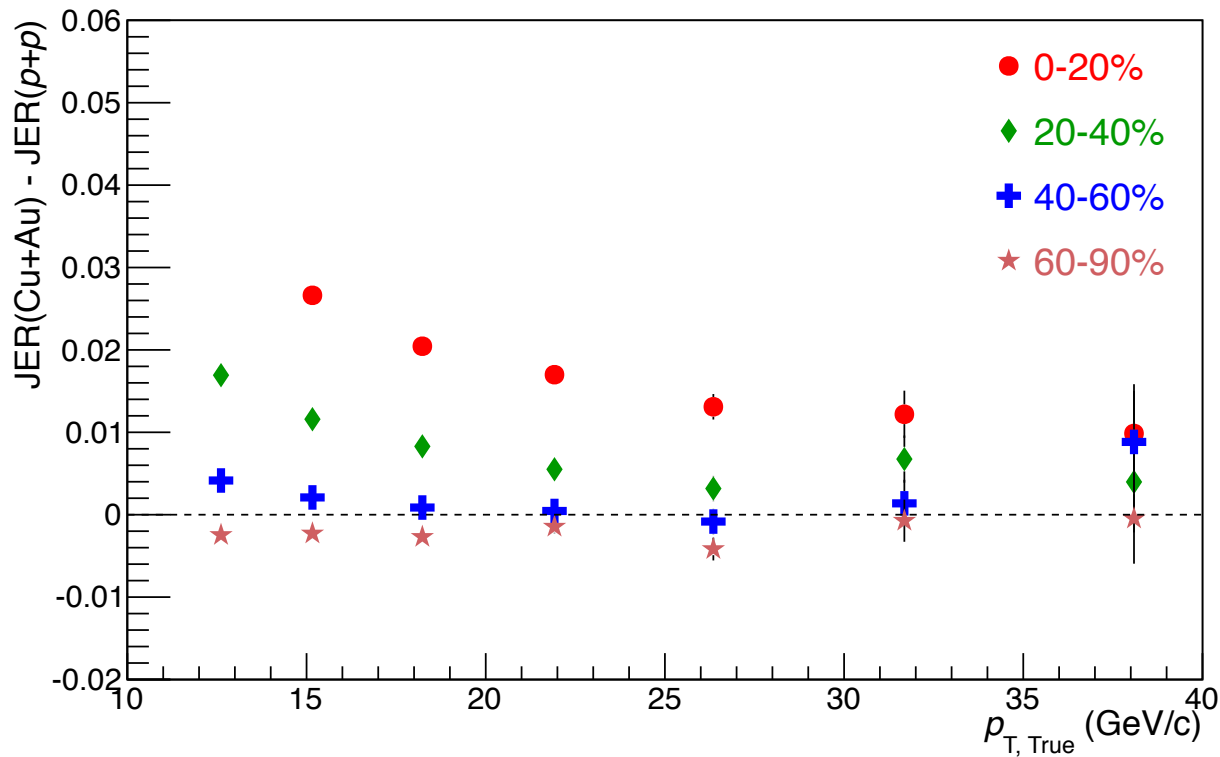
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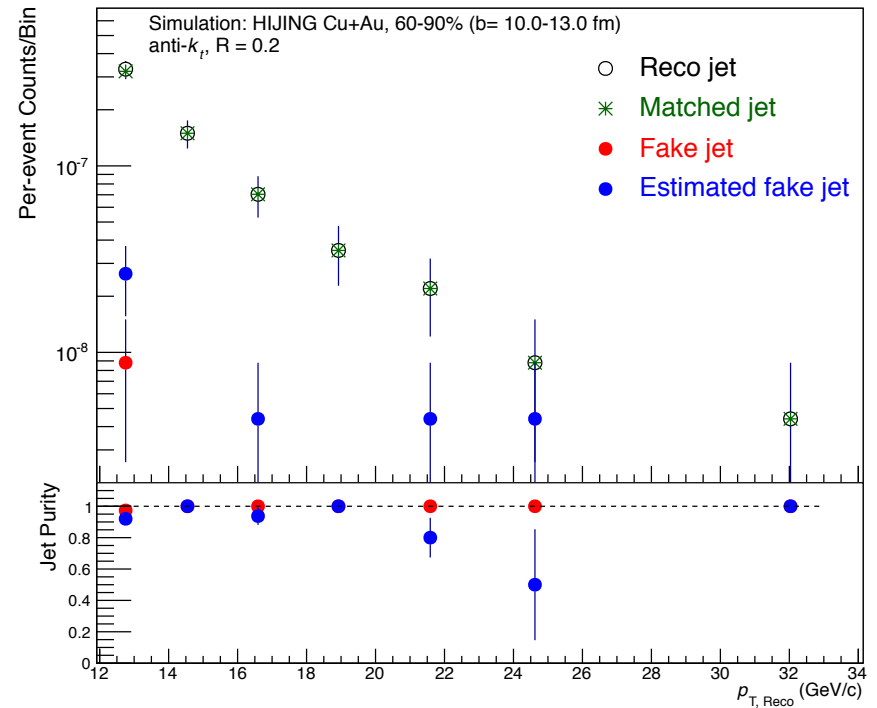
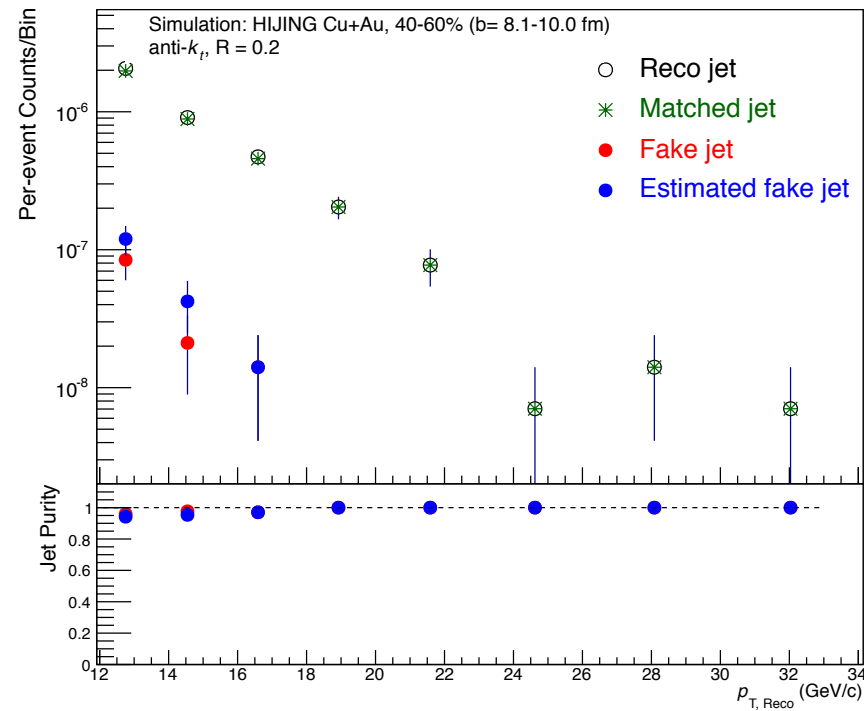
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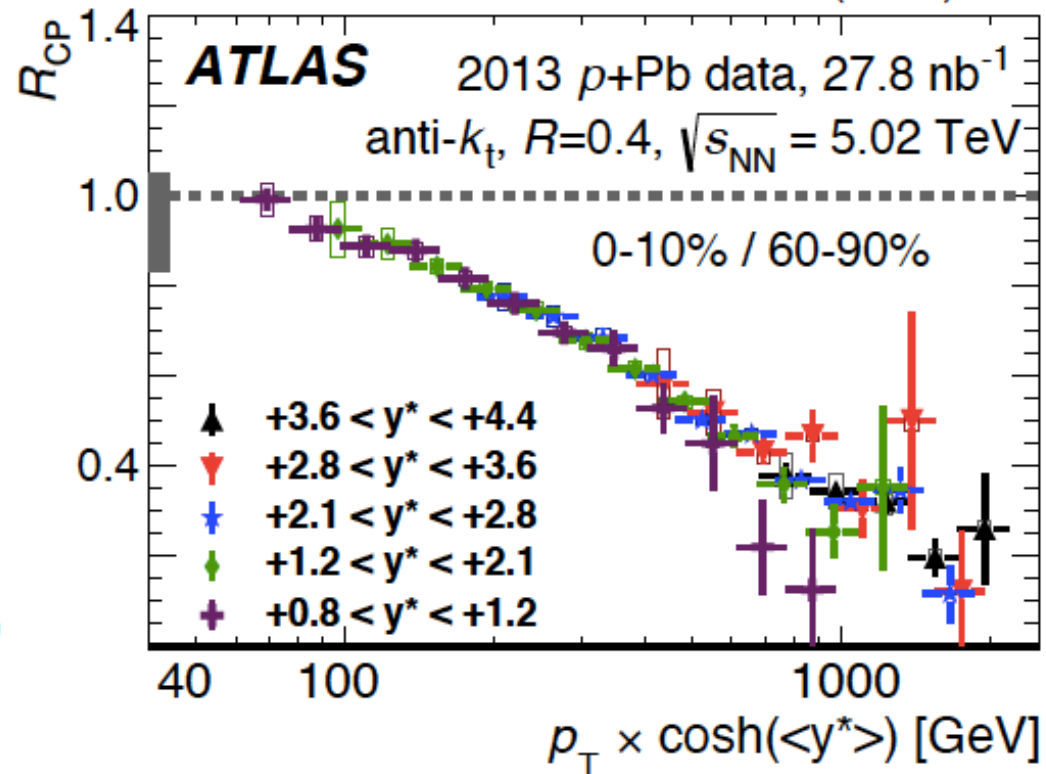
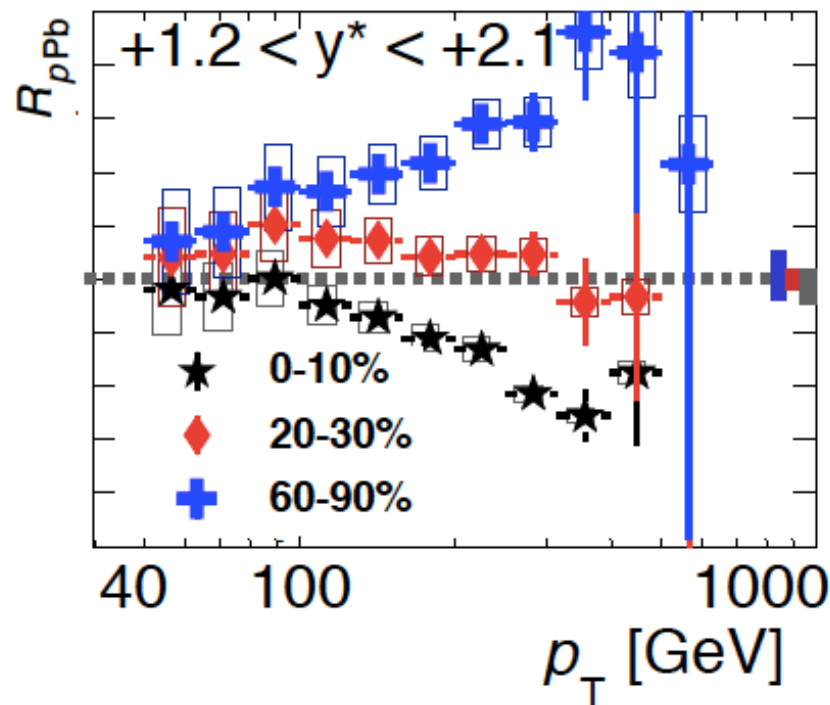
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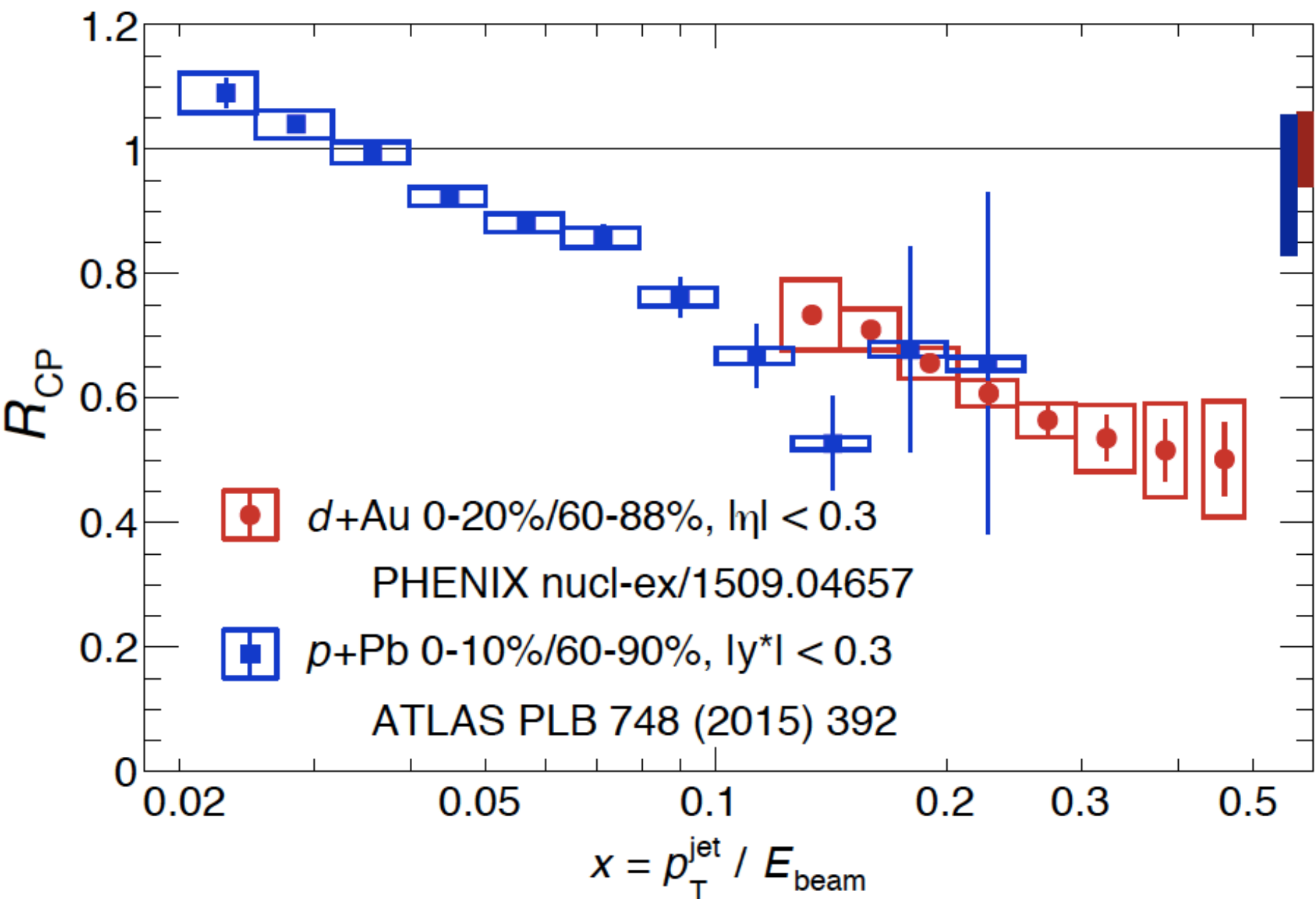
# Analogous LHC results

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- Same modification pattern, in the same Bjorken- $x$  range
- Modifications to the  $R_{pPb} / R_{CP}$  shown to scale only with proton- $x$  and not depend on nuclear- $x$





→ Same (universal) hadron physics at RHIC and the LHC?